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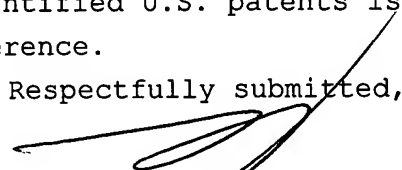
The Japanese references are identified on pages 2-3 of the present specification.

USP 5,258,803 corresponds to Japanese 7-27151.

USP 6,040,860 corresponds to Japanese 8-107519.

USP 5,128,70 corresponds to Japanese 2934712. The first page of each of the three above-identified U.S. patents is attached to each corresponding Japanese reference.

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